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Finlayson Appointed New Inspector General

ATLANTA – Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) Commissioner Dr. Rhonda Medows announced today the appointment of Robert Finlayson, III as the Department's new Inspector General.

"Program integrity is key to ensuring proper utilization of the department's programs and services," said Dr. Medows. "Robert has proven to be an effective investigator and his expertise will serve the department well in his new role."

As Inspector General, Finlayson will oversee the Program Integrity Unit, Internal Affairs and the Audit Unit. In this role, he will lead his staff to accomplish the Units' goal of identifying and responding to fraud and abuse within the system, and assisting providers with education and corrective action.

Finlayson brings more than 15 years of experience in law enforcement and regulatory investigations. Most recently, he served within the Georgia Department of Human Resources (DHR) as the deputy director over the Program Integrity Division, which investigates fraud in Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Childcare. In his role as an investigator in charge of the Special Projects Unit, he developed and implemented the Food Stamp Electronic Benefits Transfer investigations program.

He also held the position as an investigator for the Georgia Professional Standards Commission, and served as a police officer and field training officer for the Cobb County Police Department from 1990 to December 1998.

He serves as a member of the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact Council and is a member of the Kennesaw State University Criminal Justice Advisory Board.

He received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Shorter College.